



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# A World Revolving Around Salmon

## *Aquatic Species Conservation and Management*



The Alaska Region Fisheries Program works with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and other partners, to ensure that Alaska's wild salmon continue to sustain thriving recreational and commercial fisheries worth hundreds of millions of dollars, and culturally important subsistence fisheries that have existed for thousands of years.

**Fish biologists monitor salmon runs on more than 76 million acres of National Wildlife Refuge lands.** Salmon produced on Refuge lands are important to the ecological health of Alaska, as well as to our commercial, recreational, and subsistence harvests. State and Federal fishery managers use information gathered on National Wildlife Refuges to manage for sustainable fisheries statewide.

**Scientists in the Conservation Genetics Laboratory collect genetics data on salmon populations distributed across Alaska.** This information is used to identify rivers of origin for salmon harvested in commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries; to fulfill international treaty obligations; and to protect weak stocks of salmon harvested in fisheries that target multiple populations.

**Staff collaborate with partners to identify and replace man-made structures, such as culverts and dams, that impede migrations of spawning and rearing salmon.** Funds the Service provides to replace inadequate culverts are matched with contributions from State and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, private industries and landowners.

**We strive to improve communications and relationships with others through our environmental education and outreach activities.** By educating future generations and building coalitions with stakeholders, we can ensure that Alaska's future will continue to be – a world revolving around salmon.

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